

REMARKS:

There claims 1, 3 – 14, and 16 – 27, and 29 – 32 are pending in the above-referenced application, with claims 2, 15, and 28, having been cancelled. In the Office Action mailed March 11, 2005, the Examiner found claims 2 – 10, 15 – 23, and 28 – 32 allowable if rewritten in independent form. Office Action Point 6. Independent claims 1, 11, and 27 have been amended to incorporate the respective elements of the allowable (and now cancelled) claims 2, 15 and 28.

As a consequence, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 11, and 27 are in condition for allowance. In addition, because the remaining dependent claims incorporate by reference all of the limitations of the corresponding independent claims, all of the dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

With respect to various objections, claims 9, 10, 22, 23, and 32 have been amended to delete “MS”, pursuant to Office Action Point 2. The remaining claim amendments are to amend the claim dependencies from the now-cancelled claims.

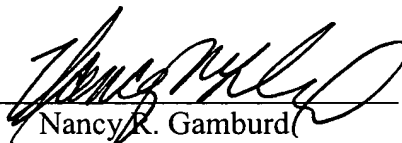
On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted, and an early action toward that end is respectfully solicited. In addition, for any issues or concerns, the Examiner is invited to call the attorney for the Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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